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**The Specification**

Please replace paragraph 0001 with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/410,572 filed April 8, 2003, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/436,392 filed December 24, 2002; and a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/389,720 filed March 13, 2003, entitled "Use of B-type Natriuretic Peptide as a Prognostic Indicator in Acute Coronary Syndromes" which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/835,298 filed April 13, 2001; and a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/371,149 filed February 20, 2003 entitled "Diagnostic Markers of Stroke and Cerebral Injury and Methods of Use Thereof," which is a continuation in part of 10/225,082 filed August 20, 2002, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/313,775 filed August 20, 2001, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/346,485 filed January 2, 2002, and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/334,964 filed November 30, 2001; and a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/331,127 filed December 27, 2002, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/436,392 filed December 24, 2002; and a continuation in part of 10/330,696 filed December 27, 2002, entitled "Markers for Differential Diagnosis and Methods of Use Thereof," which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/436,301 filed December 24, 2002; and a continuation in part of International application PCT/US02/26604 filed August 20, 2002, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/313,775 filed August 20, 2001, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/346,485 filed January 2, 2002, and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/334,964 filed November 30, 2001; and a continuation in part of International application PCT/US02/14219 filed May 4, 2002 which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/288,871 filed May 4, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/315,642 filed August 28, 2001; and a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/139,086 filed May 4, 2002, entitled "Diagnostic Markers of Acute Coronary Syndromes and Methods of Use Thereof," which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/315,642

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filed August 28, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/288,871 filed May 4, 2001; and a continuation in part of International application PCT/US02/11441 filed April 11, 2002 which claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/835,298 filed April 13, 2001, from each of which priority is claimed, and each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, including all tables, figures, and claims.